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In brief

Change of command

Col. Timothy Merrell, 325th Operations Group commander, will relinquish command to Col. Matthew Molloy in a ceremony at 9 a.m. Monday in Hangar 4. All are welcome to attend.

Club focus groups

The Officers' and Enlisted Clubs will be conducting focus group panels Monday through Aug. 12. To R.S.V.P. for a session to share your comments and ideas about Tyndall's clubs, call Joni Geels at 283-4193 or e-mail joni.geels@tyndall.af.mil.

Hurricane Dennis debris

Monday will be the last pickup of debris from Hurricane Dennis for base housing. Place all limbs and bagged yard debris on the curbside by 8 a.m. For more information, call the Housing Office at 283-8141.

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Visitor Control Center to relocate Monday

CHRISSY CUTTITA

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Starting Monday, customers needing vehicle passes, registrations, line badges or Visitor Control Center services will need to go to the new facility located on Highway 98 across the street from the Sabre Gate.

"I am excited about having a consolidated facility off the base that can provide the one-stop convenience that this new facility brings to Team Tyndall," said Maj. Christopher Corely, 325th Security Forces Squadron commander.

This new "one-stop shop" will combine the services of both Pass and Registration and the Visitor Control Center, to improve customer service and reduce wait time.

"Having both services at this new location will cut down traffic congestion at the Sabre Gate and help reduce customer wait time for passes," said Staff Sgt. Eric Schell, Pass and Registration NCO in charge. "Our new facility is easy to locate and eliminates the need for our customers to travel across base."

Visitor Control Center hours of operation will remain as is from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, while Pass and Registration operational hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The same rules for pass, identification and visitor entry will still apply at this 325th SFS-run facility.

For vehicle passes or registration of privately owned vehicles, a valid Department of Defense identification credential, current proof of vehicle registration and proof of vehicle insurance for both the driver and vehicle are required. Pass and Identification also provides services required



Chrissy Cuttita

Staff Sgt. Eric Schell, 325th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration NCO in charge, moves his office to a new facility. Both Pass and Identification and the Visitor Control Center will close today and reopen in the new building Monday. The new center is on Highway 98 across the street from the Sabre gate.

to obtain restricted area badges and contractor identification badges. Active duty military should consult their unit security manager to complete applicable paperwork prior to issuance of a restricted area badge.

Visitors may acquire a short-term temporary pass for base access that will remain in effect for up to seven days. Pass and Registration will continue the existing process of V.I.P. guest lists.

Security forces suggest customers take safety precautions when turning into the new center's parking lot when traveling eastbound on Highway 98. The left-hand lane is used for entry into the facility parking lot; however, the sign for the facility is not located far enough back to provide adequate warning. Customers

traveling eastbound should be prepared to be in that left-hand lane as they approach the Sabre Gate.

The new facility parking lot is not to be used as a "park and ride" area. Under no circumstances should vehicles remain parked in the parking lot if the customer departs the facility to attend an official function on base or visit base facilities. At no time should a vehicle ever remain parked there overnight.

The new facility also provides Tyndall the opportunity to begin construction on the Sabre Gate. That project is scheduled to begin this fall.

Phone numbers will remain the same for both offices. For more information, contact Sergeant Schell at 283-4191 or 2758.

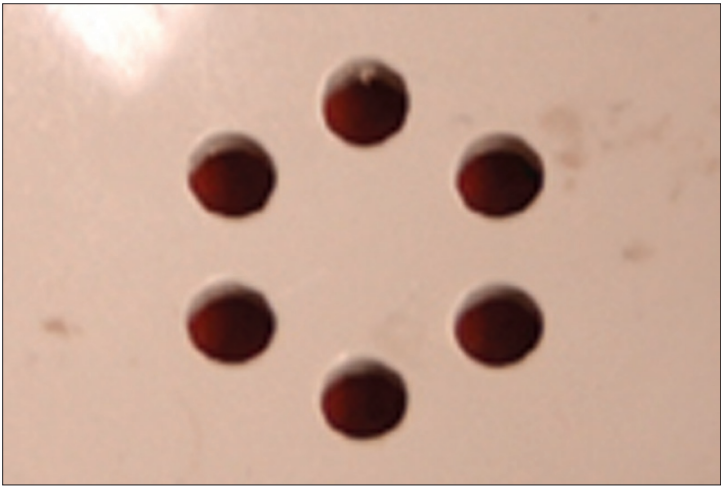


Master Sgt. Mary McHale

Poised in the hood

Eddie Ammons of Allied Trades' vehicle body and paint section, prepares to paint the roof of the 325th Fighter Wing commander's vehicle white. Gen. William Looney, Air Education and Training Command commander, has directed all AETC wing commanders' vehicles now be white-topped as a distinguishing identifier. All military are required to salute the vehicle as it goes by. Proper courtesies are required at all AETC bases for commander's vehicles.

Identify this...



Can you identify this object? If so, send an e-mail to editor@tyndall.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject line. The first correct e-mail will receive a 'prize' from the wing Public Affairs office and have their name published in next week's issue. Unfortunately, no correct answers were submitted for last week's photo. It may be run again in the future to give everyone a second chance.

ON THE STREET

The Gulf Defender asks Tyndall's children ...
What are you most looking forward to this school year?



"I'm looking forward to making new friends, because I'm going to a new school."

MARC TINKER
7th grade



"I can't wait to make new friends, learn a bunch of stuff and pass sixth grade."

CASSIE GREGORY
6th grade



"I want to learn how hot a comet gets, make new friends and pass the (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test)."

C.J. WATKINS
4th grade



"I want to make new friends."

CASSIDY McLEAN
Kindergarten

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Husband, father, commander: Confessions of a workaholic

LT. COL. CURT VAN DE WALLE
325th Civil Engineer Squadron commander

On a number of occasions I’ve heard our wing commander, Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, and my group commander, Col. Marc Luiken, make the statement that as commanders we need to keep our priorities straight – “Husband, Father, Commander,” or even more appropriately, “Spouse, Parent, Airman.”

Even though I’m writing this on my laptop on the way back from Wild Adventures in Georgia with my family, I’m probably not the best person to write an article on this topic. I’m not a classic workaholic ... at least I don’t think I am (but perhaps I should ask my wife and kids to write this article). I adore my wife and kids, but my job keeps me chained to the desk long after the rest of my squadron goes home. And, if I don’t get it all done during the week, I have to play catch up during the weekend; so I steal time from them then as well.

There are innumerable ways to justify

being a workaholic, but I can’t really say that any of them are valid. I’ll admit that I’ve found ways to hide my addiction ... I get up early in the morning to do paperwork and e-mail, and stay up late at night sometimes to do the same if I’ve got any energy leftover. And there are some times that the mission dictates that we work extra hours to make sure we’re mission-ready, like, for example, preparing for the Operational Readiness Inspection.

However, the fact of the matter is if you’re stealing time from your family on a routine basis and using it for work (and not another healthy addiction like fishing or golf), you’re probably a workaholic.

A friend I met at Air Command and Staff College taught me a lesson in this regard.

To paraphrase what he told me, most of us will never have a statue erected in our honor, and that our true legacy is our children.

“I may not be the best Air Force officer in the world, but I can be the best father in the world to my kids,” he said. The message was particularly poignant because this friend’s father was a mean alcoholic that beat him, his brother and his mother with anything he could get his hands on. Fortunately, the state took the kids away from the parents and they were raised by their grandparents.

Now there’s no doubt about the fact that I’ve suffered (and still do) from workaholism, as do many of my contemporaries out there. Most people in leadership positions got where they are today by displaying at least

some level of workaholism. Again, dedication to our duty is integral to our core values, especially the last two, “*Service Before Self* and *Excellence in All We Do*.”

However, we all need to strike a balance. Stealing time from our families should be the exception and not the rule, particularly when they may be forced to manage without us when we’re asked to deploy.

If you take the time to be with your family, they will be happy, and you, in turn, will be a much more effective Airman. Neglecting your spouse and children will only lead to a long list of regrets when retirement comes. Remember that on their death bed *nobody* ever said they wish they’d have spent more time at work.

“Spouse, Parent, Airman,” in that order. Be the best that you can be in each category, but keep them in that order ... and I’ll try my best to do the same. We’ll be better Airmen for it, our families deserve it, and we’ll be a stronger Air Force because of it.

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LT. COL. CURT VAN DE WALLE
325th Civil Engineer Squadron commander

Change is essential; embrace it with positive attitude

MAJ. KEVIN PAYNE
435th Communications Squadron

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — We’ve all heard the saying, “The only thing constant is change.”

Despite the fact that change is always occurring around us, some people don’t like change and often resist it as much as possible.

Resistance can easily evolve into negative behavior that affects performance. Even worse, negative behavior can become contagious and spread through a unit, affecting co-workers.

Adapting to change is essential for a unit to maintain high morale and to effectively accomplish the mission.

When I entered the Air Force in 1992 after the Cold War ended, a massive military manpower reduction was under

way and large reorganizations were taking place. Thirteen years later, we easily can see that those changes to our force structure were necessary.

For example, integrating the Strategic Air Command and Tactical Air Command into the Air Combat Command was a smart move to better integrate combat operations. During that transition, however, there were many skeptics and a lot of uncertainty.

Unfortunately, it is hard to always embrace organizational change while it is occurring because most of us don’t want to modify our work environment.

But, change happens. The Air Force must change the way it organizes, trains and equips its Airmen in order to adapt to changing threats, political climate and technology. Unit reorganizations, force shaping and base closures may

appear negative at first but, given time, the benefits shine through.


We must not only adapt quickly when a change occurs but also learn to see it coming. This is why companies that foresee the changing economic market and respond to it succeed, whereas companies that refuse to change ultimately fail.

The Air Force and major commands will continue to reorganize in order to better accomplish the mission. We need to look at the overall benefits that the change brings and do our part to ensure its implementation occurs as seamlessly as possible.

Embrace change with a positive attitude. Working together as a cohesive team will ensure our continued success as the world leader in air and space power.

Action Line

Call 283-2255



BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
325th Fighter Wing commander

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you’re not satisfied with the response or

you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General’s Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are more phone numbers that help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

Commissary	283-4825
Pass and I.D.	283-4191
Medical and Dental	283-7515
MEO	283-2739

MPF	283-2276
SFS Desk Sgt.	283-2254
Services	283-2501
Legal	283-4681
Housing	283-2036
CDC	283-4747
Wing Safety	283-4231
Area Defense Counsel	283-2911
Finance	283-4117
Civil Engineer	283-4949
Civilian Personnel	283-3203
Base Information	283-1113

Thank you for helping me improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.

Officials: Troop withdrawal could begin next year

GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AFP) — A “fairly substantial” withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq could take place next spring or summer if the insurgency does not grow and the country’s political process continues as scheduled, the commander of coalition forces said here July 27.

U.S. Army Gen. George Casey, head of Multinational Force Iraq, spoke during a surprise visit to Iraq by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

At a later joint news conference with Secretary Rumsfeld, Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari said the departure of U.S. forces from his country depends on how soon Iraq can train, equip and field its own soldiers and police to take over security duties.

“We do not want to be surprised,” Minister Jaafari said in the event U.S. troops leave

before the Iraqis are prepared to assume security.

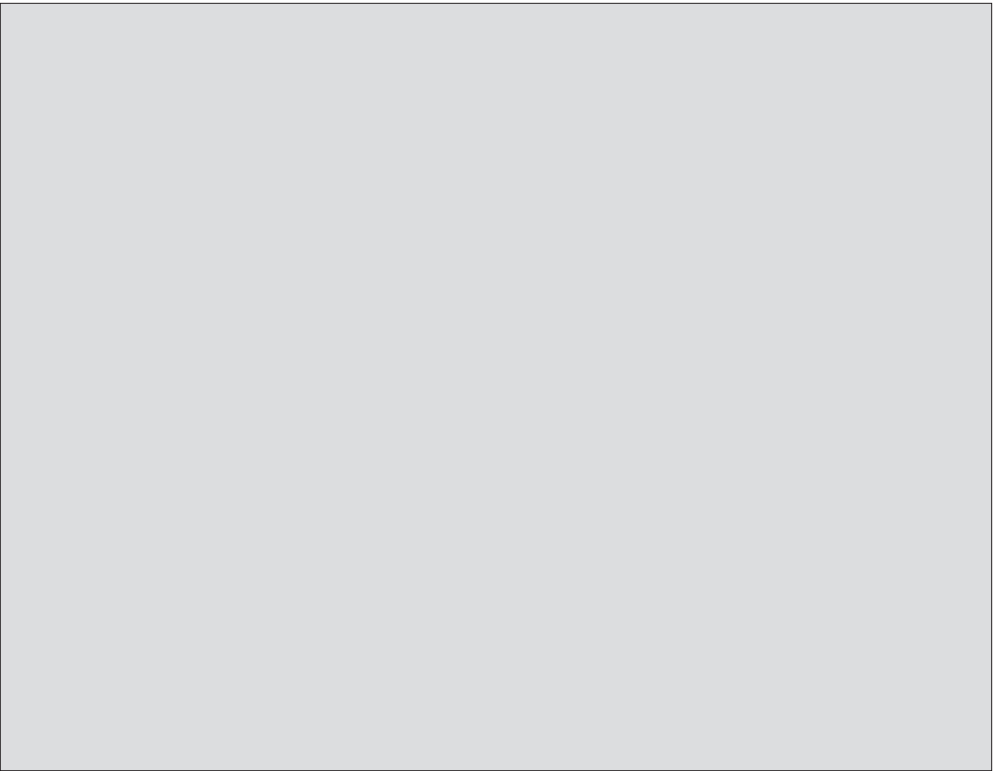
General Casey said the insurgency in Iraq has not substantially increased within the past year.

“The insurgents need to progress to survive, and this insurgency is not progressing,” General Casey said.

Instead of gaining strength, insurgents in Iraq have changed tactics, he said, to use “more violent, more visible” attacks on softer civilian targets. This is “a no-win strategy for the insurgents,” General Casey said.

FORCE DEPLOYMENT





Geren designated acting AF secretary

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — The president designated Pete Geren to be the acting Secretary of the Air Force on July 29, replacing Michael L. Dominguez.

The appointment is in accordance with the Federal Vacancies Reform Act, Air Force officials said.

Mr. Geren, who was special assistant to the secretary of defense, assumes his new office as directed in Title 10, United States Code and Air Force directives, Air Force officials said. He took the Department of Defense post

in September 2001 with responsibilities in the areas of interagency initiatives, legislative affairs and special projects.

A former Texas congressman from 1989 to 1997, Mr. Geren served on the Armed Services, Science and Technology and the Public Works and Transportation committees during his tenure.

Mr. Geren earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas in 1974, and his jurist prudence from the university's law school in 1978.



Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt. Nathan Barber



Steve Wallace

Sergeant Barber receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

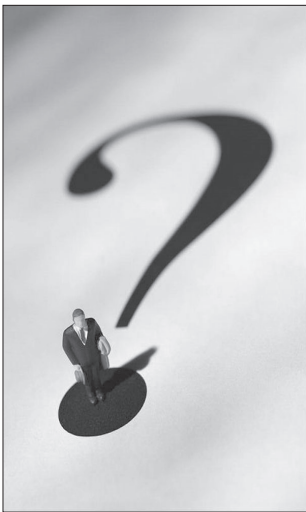
The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Barber, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He has received four High Flyer awards in the past 19 months. He manages his section’s 36 training records and upgrade status program.

Duty title: Dedicated crew chief
Time on station: Two years
Time in service: Six years
Hometown: Portsmouth, Ohio
Hobbies: School, motocross, boating
Favorite movie: “Fight Club”
Pet Peeves: Laziness
Favorite thing about Tyndall: The beach
Proudest moment in the military: Receiving a coin from the U.S. Air Forces Europe commander while deployed to Turkey

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall’s Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

Did you know ...

Those interested in crossing over to the Air Force Reserves can find out what positions are available for them by logging on to Virtual MPF and clicking on the “Reserve Vacancies” button. This system identifies vacant positions within the Air Force Reserve. Vacant positions can be located by Air Force Specialty Code and grade. To get more information or apply for one of these positions, contact the local reserve recruiter, Master Sgt. Randi Baum, at 283-8384.



Traffic violations at base service station becoming problem

STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN ROJEK
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

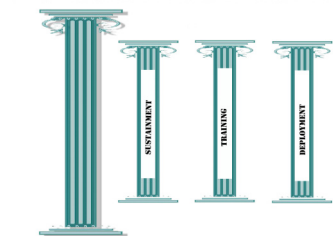
Disobeying traffic rules at the Base Service Station on Illinois Avenue will result in a citation for both military and civilians, said the NCO in charge of police services here.

Tech. Sgt. Alijhondroe Wiley, 325th Security Forces Squadron, said the citations will result in a \$75 fine for civilians, and military must report the citation to their first sergeant and commander.

“Those who disobey traffic signals and signs receive a four-point deduction from their license,” said Sergeant Wiley. “After 12 points, your license is suspended and

you will lose driving privileges on base for one year. So, if you get caught driving through the service station the wrong way three times, you will not be able to drive on base.”

FORCE PROTECTION



Every member of Team Tyndall is valuable. Play it safe, don't become a statistic.

According to Ken Jolley, 325th Fighter Wing chief of ground safety, the problem is that drivers, both military and civilians, try to use the service station as a shortcut between Illinois Avenue and the Commissary. Drivers also pull into the pumps against traffic.

“The traffic flow is well marked,” said Mr. Jolley. “And going in an exit the wrong way is unsafe. No one is expecting you to come through the other way, and this can lead to a collision.”

The traffic signs and markings lead customers from the Base Exchange and Commissary parking lot through the service station to Illinois Avenue. Turning from Illinois Avenue into the service station is illegal.

“If you see someone come through the wrong way, let them know that the signs are there for safety reasons and they should follow them accordingly,” said Sergeant Wiley.



Master Sgt. Ed Best

Security forces will be issuing citations to drivers who pull into the Tyndall Service Station against the flow of traffic or use it as a shortcut. The flow of traffic is marked by both arrows on the road and posted signs.

“Service station employees are watching for violators and security forces will be doing random checks. And if you see someone who is repeatedly disobeying the traffic signs, call the 325th SFS control center at 283-2254.”

Distinguished educators visit Tyndall

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SARAH McDOWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A group of distinguished educators visited Tyndall July 27, to see what the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is all about.

While here, they explored the field training units, technical training units and talked with company grade officers about their experiences since commissioning.

The educators, who were deans, doctors, professors and teachers from colleges and universities all over the nation, came here to be familiarized with what Air Force ROTC does to prepare officer cadets for leadership in the Air Force.

“From this tour, I have a much better understanding of what the cadets go through and of their opportunities upon completion of the ROTC program,” said Dr. Eric Sandgren, Dean of Howard R. Hughes University of Engineering at the University of Las Vegas. “I thought it was extremely valuable. I didn’t know what the tour was going to be like going in. But it was valuable because (our university) just started a new detachment, and it is kind of hard to talk to the men and women about ROTC when you don’t know what they are going to be doing. It was a tremendous experience.”

The educators spent two days exploring Tyndall and got to see the opportunities Air Force ROTC offers cadets.

“The tour began at the field training detachments and leadership course, and the group got to participate with the cadets in a problem solving exercise,” said Ann Easterling, Maxwell AFB, Ala., Public Affairs representative, and one of the four main coordinators for the tour. “The next day, called Air Force Day, was

where the educators got an idea of what happens to the cadets after they commission and what responsibilities they are given.”

During Air Force Day, the group visited the 43rd Fighter Squadron and viewed F/A-22 Raptors, and the 325th Air Control Squadron Air Battle Manager school-house. They also had an F-15 Eagle academics brief. Later in the day, they had lunch with a selected group of company grade officers to learn more about commissioned officers as opposed to ROTC cadets.

“It was great to be able to talk to the cadets in training and the commissioned officers and see how mature they are compared to normal college students,” said Doctor Sandgren.

“This tour helps the educators have a better appreciation of what their cadets go through, so that when they go back to their universities, they are advocates for the Air Force,” Ms. Easterling said.

This tour brings the educators and the Air Force ROTC together helping them foster a good relationship to make the transition from cadet to officer smooth.

“The visit was a great success,” said Col. Steven E. Wayne, Air Force ROTC national commander. “We feel we accomplished our mission, which was to bring influential educators from various universities to visit our Air Force ROTC Field Training Units to give them an understanding of what their students experience at field training.

“It was great having an opportunity to showcase the Air Force mission and the dedicated, professional Airmen who accomplish that mission and to expose them to the Air Force’s leading edge aircraft,” he said.



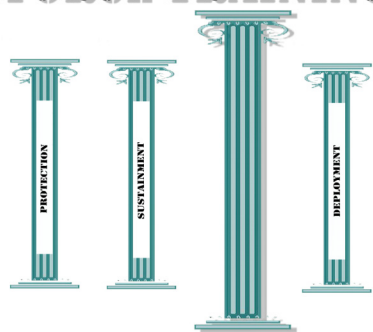
This week in Air Force history ...

July 31, 1941: The U.S. Army Air Force officially establishes Tuskegee Army Airfield.

Aug. 1, 1957: The North American Air Defense Command, a joint United States-Canadian command with an air-defense mission, is informally established.



FORCE TRAINING



Student Focus

Sim drivers prepare ABMs for live control

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SARAH McDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Who is flying?

In one squadron 65 Airmen are the answer to this question – they drive the scenarios for a schoolhouse full of air battle manager trainees.

“We simulate what fighter pilots would do,” said Senior Airman Kristen Wooten, 325th Air Control Squadron simulator pilot. “We run scenarios in one room and the students are with their instructors in another room controlling.”

Simulator pilots, also known as sim drivers, prepare air battle managers to execute complex command and control in the combat Air Force. The students spend three out of their six blocks of instruction learning this through simulated scenarios. But, while they are at the scope managing the aircraft, the simulator pilots are behind the scenes talking to them and “flying” the aircraft.

“The students start with simulated close control scenarios, then move to simulated large force employment, and then they move on to simulated high-performance fighter missions,” said Senior Airman Aaron Ward, 325th ACS simulator driver trainer. “All this simulation training pays off when our students finally get to control real pilots in F-15s.”

“During close control, air battle managers have total control of the fighter,” said Airman Matthew Grillo, 325th ACS simulator pilot. “We teach them long-range cutoffs, long-range sterns (rolling the fighter behind the target), simulated aerial refueling and simulated tactical intercepts.”

The next block is large-force employment.

“When the students get to this block they have



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Senior Airman Aaron Ward, 325th Air Control Squadron simulator pilot trainer, trains Airman 1st Class Lori-Lynn Collazo and Senior Airman Melody Newman, international pilot simulators, on the simulation equipment.

to be quick on their feet,” said Airman Wooten.

"We develop our scenarios from past contingencies" said Staff Sgt. Rickey Walkes, 325th ACS simulator pilot.

"We run 20 scenarios for a class," said Airman Wooten. "Each one of those has to be built and loaded and we pick one per class. Each scenario usually lasts an hour and 15 minutes."

But, in another part of the curriculum, scenarios can last up to five hours.

In the last block before live control, high-performance simulation, the students apply all the techniques they have learned in earlier blocks.

“We practice broadcast control” said Senior Airman Aaron Ward, 325th ACS simulator pilot.

trainer. “The other blocks are stepping stones; this is what they will actually be doing.”

The schoolhouse sees 160 to 200 rated officer students go through its doors each year, including international students.

“We currently have students from Honduras, Yemen and Morocco,” said Airman 1st Class Lori-Lynn Collazo, international pilot simulator. The international students are introduced to the basics of weapons control and battle management in a multi-national environment.

This highly trained team uses simulation to develop fundamental skills for students, and gets them ready for the real world air battle management duties.

Training Spotlight

What is the most critical part of your job?

“The most critical part is being able to apply the vast amount of regulations we learn here in an operational setting.”



2ND LT. DAVID MARTINEZ
325th Operations Support Squadron
Airfield Operations Officer Training
Program student

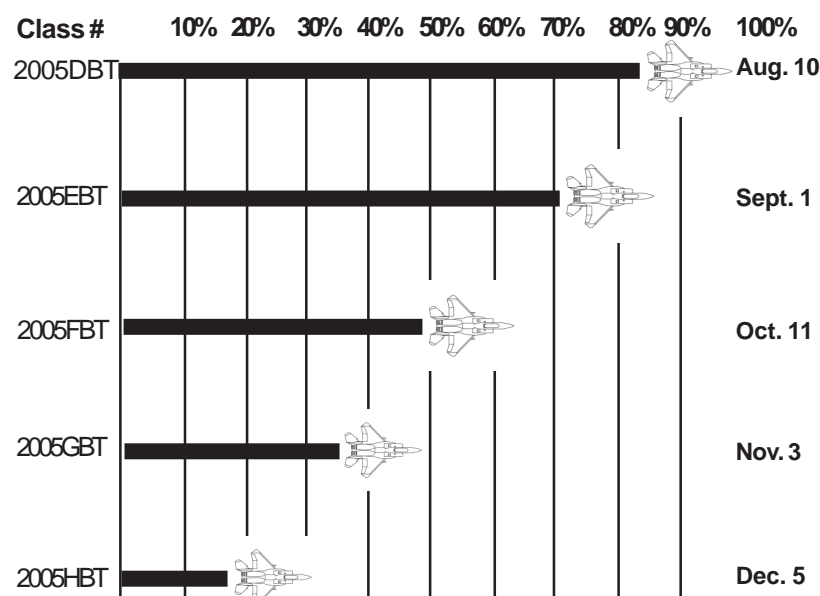


Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

By the book

Staff Sgt. Alan Arcand, 372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 4 Mission Ready Airman instructor, goes through the basic post flight and preflight training procedures with MRA students in Hangar 4 here Tuesday. The students are shown each step, what each item looks like, and what to look for during the inspection.

F-15 Eagle B-Course progress chart



The F-4 Phantom IIs were modern fighters during the Vietnam War. Now they're not only heritage jets, they're Tyndall's ...

Moving targets



Master Sgt. Mary McHale

MASTER SGT. MARY MCHALE

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Historically, they inflicted terror on targets. Now, they're the targets.

They are the QF-4 Phantom II drones of the 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron, full scale F-4 Phantom II aircraft that serve primarily as air-to-air targets for weapons systems tests and missile evaluations.

The drones can be flown manned or unmanned and

rely on a complex series of telemetric data uplinks and downlinks to perform their flight profiles. Lockheed-Martin controllers perform the majority of the flights, sitting before computer consoles that produce a comprehensive display of all the flight data to include the full cockpit display at the touch of a button. The controllers work from both a fixed sit, and a mobile site, which has control consoles inside a truck and on its roof.

Capt. Chris Vance, 82nd ATRS assistant director of operations and drone pilot, said the program serves military customers from around the world who want to evaluate their weapon platform's performance.

"Our consumers are combat air forces shooting live weapons," he said. "The drones are equipped with computerized scoring packages that provide the evaluation data."

Data from flights is gathered and analyzed by the 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron.

And sometimes, the drones don't return. During a recent unmanned mission July 21, the one they sent out did not return, as it was shot down by an AIM-120 missile from an F-15 Eagle. Over the radio, the words crackled, "Going down fast ... splashdown."

The captain said when they are flown unmanned as a target, they fly over the Gulf of Mexico, and there's always a manned chase plane to observe the drone in case of malfunctions or other safety issues. Additionally, the chase aircraft can evaluate battle damage if the aircraft is hit but not destroyed.

The drones are also equipped with a flight termination system that can be used to terminate controlled flight should it become necessary during unmanned missions.

"Remember, it's unmanned, it can't divert, it's here or nowhere," said Sal Bonacasa, a Lockheed-Martin F-4 pilot/controller. "We have to determine if it's safe to return it here or destroy it on the range. Public safety is paramount, and with take off and landing being critical phases of the mission, Highway 98 is shut down for the drone's launch and recovery."

But these jets are not only used for weapon systems evaluation, some are also part of the U.S. Air Force



Master Sgt. Mary McHale

Ben Collins, Lockheed-Martin QF-4 pilot/controller, uses a bank of computer consoles to provide inputs during a mission.

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age program. The program began in 1997 to help celebrate the Air Force's 50th Anniversary as an initiative to showcase airpower past and present, said Col. Jerry Kerby, 82nd ATRS commander and F-4 heritage pilot for the east coast. The F-4 is a recent addition to the program within the last two years. "It's an invaluable addition, according to the colonel. It fills the gap from World War II, Korea to modern fighters," he said. "There was a Vietnam gap and the F-4 was the mainstay of the war." Now, along with those drones that actually look like they've been through a war, there are those used for the program, with shimmering paint schemes that recreate the Phantom's fabled fighter life. The Vietnam scheme is the green/brown with the blue on the bottom," said Mr. Bonacasa. "Next came the blue/brown wraparound paint scheme that came after the war, and then the European scheme with its light grey and dark green paint. The last scheme was the '90s version of light and dark gray." The aircraft now participate in dissimilar fighter formations that can include anything from a P-51 Mustang to an F/A-22 Raptor. The crowd response to these flyovers is overwhelming," said Colonel Kirby. "Vietnam veterans really appreciate seeing the aircraft again. It's our way of honoring all they did, so we're happy our squadron could have such an impact."



Master Sgt. Mary McHale

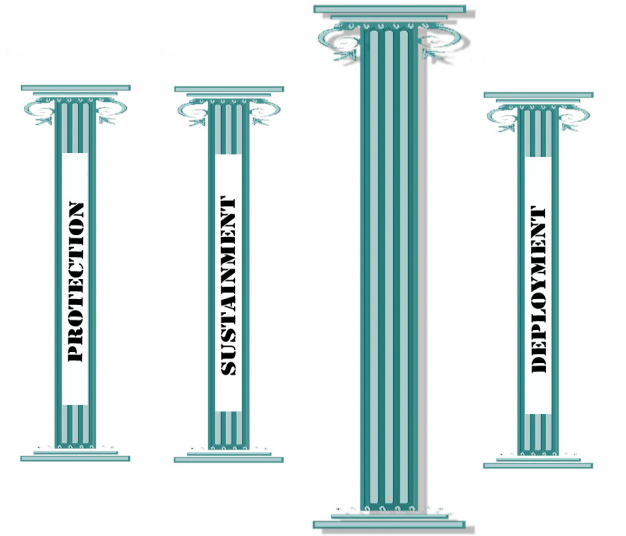
and Lt. Lady Santos, 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron electrical avionics systems engineer and target control destruct officer here, communicates with the 325th Security Forces Squadron prior to a launch for an unmanned mission recently. Highway 101 must be temporarily closed by the security forces during launch and recovery of unmanned QF-4 Phantom II planes.



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Left: A QF-4 Phantom II from the 82nd ATRS flies as part of the Air Force's Heritage Flight Program with an F-15 Eagle, F-86 Sabre, P-51 Mustang and F/A-22 Raptor. Above: Lockheed-Martin F-4 pilot/controllers man control consoles from the mobile launch vehicle that parks on the drone way here during missions.

FORCE TRAINING



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Briefs

Retiree Appreciation Day

All Air Force retirees are invited to come to Tyndall Sept. 16 and 17 for Retiree Appreciation Days. For more information on events and activities going on that day, call the Retiree Activities Office at 283-2737.

VA Audiology Clinic

Tyndall's Veteran's Affairs Audiology Clinic has relocated to the VA Outpatient Clinic at 312 Kenmore Road, Pensacola. For more information, call (850) 417-7574 or 1-800-897-8977 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

World War II lithographs

The 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office has lithographs commemorating the 60th anniversary of WWII. Units that would like copies may send a representative to the PA office in Bldg. 662, Room 129. The lithographs are for official use only and must be framed for proper display.

Online pharmacies

The Office of the Surgeon General has stated that the use of online physician and pharmacy services is highly discouraged, due to the risk of complications resulting from obtaining medication without a proper medical exam, the lack of quality control on prescription medications and the inability of these services to check for interactions with patients other current medications. For more information, contact the Tricare Operations and Patient Administration Flight at 283-7331.

Tricare Reserve Select

Eligibility to purchase Tricare Reserve Select coverage is determined by the Reserve component member's service/Reserve component office. To qualify, members must have served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for 90 consecutive days or more in support of a contingency operation and enter into an agreement with their Reserve component to serve in the selected Reserve for one or more years prior to leaving active duty. For Reserve component members who are eligible and have already left active duty, they have until Oct. 28 to complete their service agreement. Details about completing service agreements and enrollment process for TRS are available on the Tricare Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect.



Tech Sgt. Dan Neely

Dennis documents

From left, Airman 1st Class Sasha Beckwith, Senior Airman Katie Morgan and A1Cs Tamara Claridy and Joanna Dedeaux, all 325th Comptroller Squadron customer service technicians, process stacks of travel vouchers filed by Tyndall members who evacuated the local area as Hurricane Dennis approached. As of Tuesday, six CPTS Airmen, including Tech. Sgt. Devon Blackwell and A1C Lauren Tullis (not pictured), have manually computed and processed more than 2,750 of 3,600 total vouchers— more than 370 per day — on a specially added 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. duty shift that began July 25.

Software license agreements

All organizations must ensure software is being used according to the license agreement. Depending on the type of license (single user, network, site license, etc.), the license agreement will state how many computers the software may be installed and/or how many users can access the software. Air Force policy allows only licensed, registered software, including freeware/shareware, acquired through government procurement for use on government computers. If you have questions please contact Tech. Sgt. Lance Souther, 325th Communications Squadron base software license manager, at 283-3819.

GCCC fall classes

Gulf Coast Community College fall classes start Aug. 17. Tuition assistance is now available for fall classes and must be turned in by Aug. 12 to avoid being dropped.

Also, GCCC offices hours will change to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Aug. 23. The office will be closed Monday.

Promotion party meeting

Focus 56 is holding the staff sergeant promotion party planning meeting noon Wednesday at the Zone in the Enlisted Club. All Tyndall staff sergeant-selects are invited to attend.

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 553, meets the third Wednesday of every month at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted

Club. AFSA is the Air Force enlisted organization dedicated to the people behind the stripes. It is open to all enlisted ranks. For more information on AFSA, contact Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Benison at 283-2891.

Youth Bowling League sign-ups

Raptor Lanes registration for youth winter leagues will be held on Saturday and Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eligible ages are 5 – 21 and the cost is \$11. Youth signing up during these times will receive three games of bowling, a hotdog, and drink. The league will begin Aug. 20. For more information, call 283-2380.

Varsity basketball

The Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity Basketball team will have try-outs for the 2005-06 season 6:30 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Fitness Center. All interested individuals can sign-up at the Fitness Center. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 283-2631.

Sports officials

The upcoming Tyndall intramural sports season needs officials. Those interested should call the Fitness Center at 283-2631.

Airman's Attic

Family Services and the Airman's Attic are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday–Friday in Bldg. 747. The Airman's Attic is designed to help reduce some cost of living expenses by providing donated household items or new items purchased with cash donations to eligible military members. The generosity of Team Tyndall has allowed the staff to extend this service

from senior airman and below to staff sergeant and below. Call the Family Services office at 283-4913 or the Family Support Center at 283-4204 for more information.

Thrift Shop hours

The Thrift Shop will reopen its doors Wednesday. Normal hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday–Friday. Consignments are 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 286-5888.

Chapel Schedule**Catholic services**

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday–Friday, Chapel Two
Reconciliation, before Saturday Mass or by appointment
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two
Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

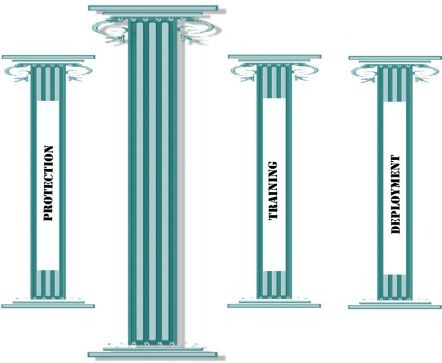
Protestant services

Traditional worship service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One
Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two
Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

Muslim services

A prayer room will be open for Dhuhr Prayer Monday–Thursday in the Spiritual Maintenance building near the flightline. There will also be Jumauh services at 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month.

FORCE SUSTAINMENT



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Teachers prep

Mary Lewis, Tyndall Elementary School first-grade teacher, talks to Staff Sgt. Jeremy Wheeler, 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron avionics technician, during her classroom orientation Wednesday. Schools in Bay County started the new school year Thursday. Those driving into Tyndall should expect longer traffic delays.



Mother-In-Law
6 p.m. Thursday

After years of looking for Mr. Right, Charlotte ‘Charlie’ Cantilini (Jennifer Lopez) finally finds the man of her dreams, Kevin Fields (Michael Vartan), only to discover that his mother, Viola (Jane Fonda), is the woman of her nightmares. A recently fired news anchor who is afraid she will lose her son the way she has just lost her career, Viola determines to scare off her son’s new fiancé by becoming the world’s worst mother-in-law. Charlie decides to fight back and the gloves come off as the two women battle it out to see just who is the alpha-female. This film is rated PG-13.

Madagascar
6 p.m. Aug. 18

At New York’s Central Park Zoo, a lion (Ben Stiller), a zebra (Chris Rock), a giraffe (David Schwimmer), and a hippo (Jada Pinkett Smith) are best friends and stars of the show. But when one of the animals goes missing from their cage, the other three break free to look for him, only to find themselves reunited ... on a ship en route to Africa. When their vessel is hijacked, however, the friends, who have all been raised in captivity, learn first-hand what life can be like in the wild. This film is rated PG.

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Intramural Sports Standings

Softball

2005 Intramural Softball top three teams:	
601st EAOD	1st
ACS1	2nd
MXS1	3rd



Golf

Team	Points
CES	52
AMXS	44
CS1	37
SEADS	37
372nd TRS	34
AFCESA	33.5
OSS	29
CONR1	28
MSS	28
53rd WEG	27
RHS	24
83rd FWS	23
MXS	23
ACS	20
SVS	19.5
CONR2	18
CS2	18



Football



2005 Intramural football begins Aug. 22. Those interested in playing can sign up by contacting their squadron sports representative or football coach. If your squadron does not have a team, contact your squadron sports representative to get into the player’s pool.

Skills Development makes name change

STEVE VANWERT
Air Force Services Agency

Officials at Air Force Services Agency gazed into the past to predict the future recently when they changed the name of Skills Development, returning the popular skills program to the name it held until the early 1990s: Arts and Crafts.

“Generations of Air Force families took advantage of Arts and Crafts programs on Air Force bases worldwide,” said Darold Carpenter, chief of the Community Programs Division at Services Agency. “We decided the name best describes what Arts and Crafts offer on base and name recognition is important to future success.”

The name change also cleared up some confusion at base level, where the term “skills” is used in several unrelated programs.

“We found out that many Airmen and their families were confused by the ‘skills development’ name,” said Greg Trapuzzano, chief of the Arts, Crafts, Tickets and Travel Branch. “So why not call it by the name that describes what it really is: Arts and crafts?”

Arts and Crafts programs are also important in supporting the Air Force mission, according to Al Dooley, Services Agency marketing. “By calling ‘Arts and Crafts’ by a name that is actually a description of what we do, we hope more Air Force families will realize the extent

of our programs and take advantage of activities both for deployed Airmen and their family members at home.”

Arts and Crafts typically encompass such activities as framing shops, engraving, auto hobby shops, scrapbooking, woodshops, photo shops, car washes, retail stores, fine arts sales galleries, jewelry fabricating and fabric sewing. Many of these programs not only help deployed families pass the time creatively, but also create tangible, physical memories that can be shared for a lifetime.

The initial idea to change the name was the result of a strategic planning meeting held in January 2003. Made up of a panel of 14 base and major command skills development specialists, and Agency headquarters experts, as well, the panel looked at the overall program with an eye toward improving quality all the way through 2020.

The panel focused on program values such as safety, customer service, customer value and customer self-expression and personal development. They set future goals that included modernizing facilities, modernizing annual competitions, providing training and skills certifications for Arts and Crafts workers, standardizing equipment, and others. They also decided on the name change.

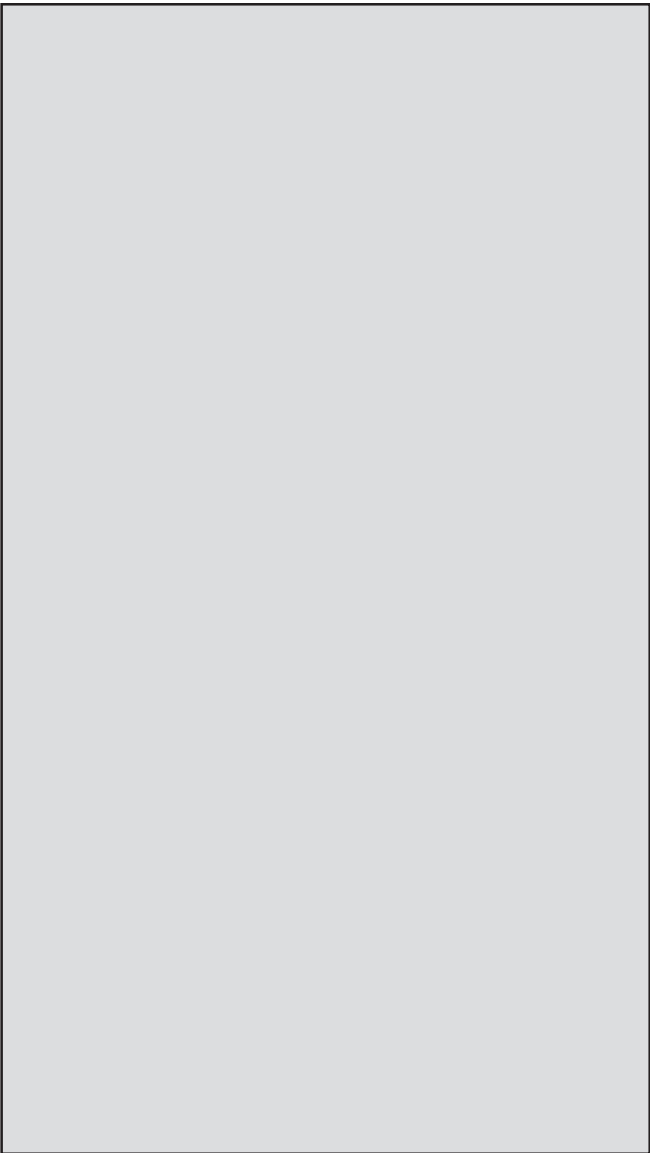
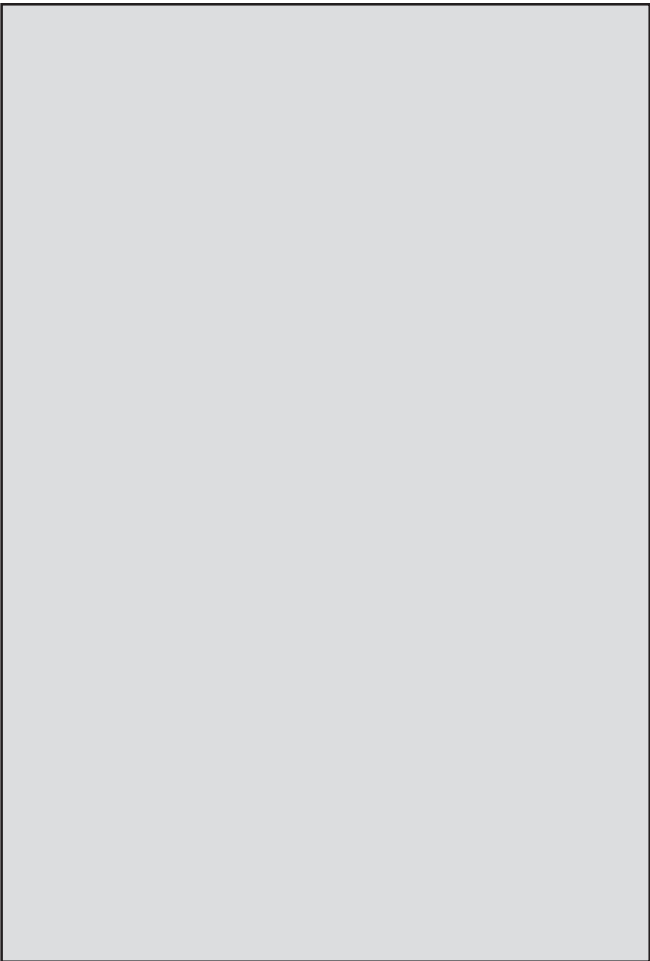
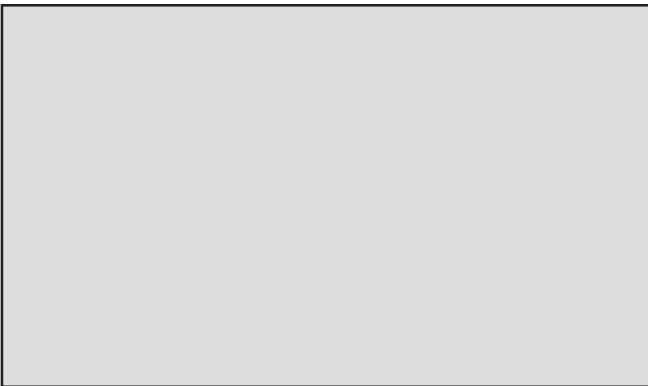
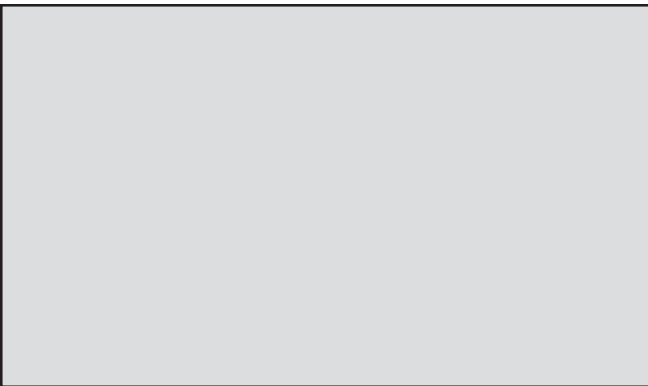
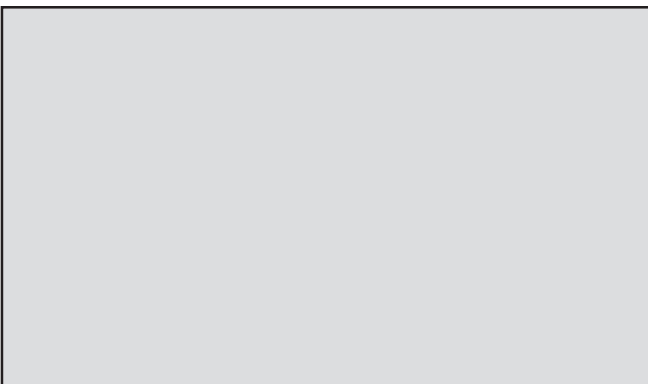
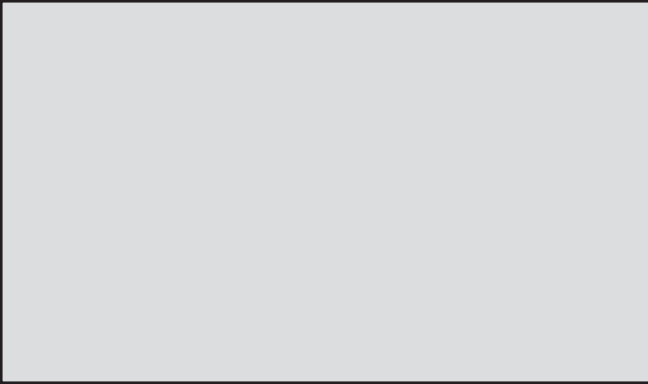
Recommendations from the panel were briefed to Arthur Myers, Services Director at the deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics, for his approval. Most of those recommendations are currently in effect at various Arts and Crafts facilities on Air Force base worldwide.

“Service to our customers is always our first priority,” said Mr. Carpenter.



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

Eric Aspens, a retired Air Force master sergeant, installs a new oil filter while doing an oil change at the Auto Hobby Shop here. The auto shop is part of the Skills Development Center, which is changing its name to Arts and Crafts.



Viper drivers return to aviation roots

TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In the aviation sense, you might call it flying full circle.

Two Air National Guard F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots recently enjoyed an opportunity to revisit their common aviation and Bay County ties – during the same unit deployment to Tyndall.

Thanks to the temporary duty assignment, Lt. Col. Robert Ray and Capt. Ryan Barker, combat veteran pilots with the Alabama ANG’s 187th Fighter Wing, made their way back to Tyndall where both cut their flying teeth at the base’s Aero Club. The Viper drivers were in town to take on the toughest air adversaries on the planet – the home team’s F/A-22 Raptors, flying two weeks of dissimilar air combat training maneuvers, or DACT for short.

Colonel Ray recalled what sparked his initial interest in aviation.

“While I was working at the Tyndall O’ Club kitchen in high school in 1975, I saw an ad in front of the Tyndall Aero club (that read) ‘Get your private pilot license for \$725.’ I walked in, signed up, and 30 years later I’m back at Tyndall doing DACT with the Raptors,” Colonel Ray recalled. “It’s a great honor for me to return to Tyndall to duke it out with the Air Force’s newest fighter.”

The colonel, who has logged more than 3,000 hours in the F-16, hails from Callaway and is a 1975 graduate of Rutherford High School. He graduated from Troy State University in 1983, and earned his commission through Officer Training School the same year.

The same year he received his high school diploma, he flew his first solo flight in a Tyndall Aero Club plane.

Colonel Ray said he was proud of his current unit’s combat role, having recently participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom both in 2003 flying counter theater ballistic missile and close air support in Western Iraq, and last year supporting Marine Corps and Army forces in Baghdad and Fallujah.

“Our squadron dropped both the first 2,000-pound (joint direct attack munition) in combat from an F-16 block 30 in 2003, and the first GBU-38 500-pound JDAM ever dropped in combat last fall in Baghdad,” the colonel said.

Captain Barker, who has logged more than 2,000 hours in the F-16, received his private pilot’s license through Embry-Riddle University. He was commissioned through Air Force



Lisa Norman

Capt. Ryan Barker, right, briefs Lt. Col. Robert Ray on their aggressor role against Tyndall F/A-22 Raptors during the 187th Fighter Wing’s recent deployment here.

ROTC, yet in 1992 did much of his formative flying at Tyndall’s Aero Club as he awaited an Air Force undergraduate pilot training slot. During that period, the captain lived in the Lynn Haven area and has personal and family ties to Bay County from that point through today.

“I worked out at Bay Point on The Lagoon Legend golf course,” Captain Barker said. “My parents still live in Southport and my youngest brother lives in Lynn Haven where he graduated from Mosley High School.”

He added that he has a sister who attended the same school.

Captain Barker’s combat flying experience includes deployments supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Allied Force.

After flying numerous sorties as the “bad guys” against the Raptors, Captain Barker said he and Colonel Ray went away remarkably impressed with the air dominance fighter.

“Our overall impression of the Raptor is that it’s an awesome machine with some truly revolutionary capabilities,” Captain Barker said. “Once the system, the pilots and the tactics are fully developed, there’s not going to be anything to compare for a long time.

“There was nothing really surprising about the Raptor’s capabilities,” he added. “We expected to be crushed and we were. That’s a good thing.”



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August Schedule

Tonight - The Shining
Aug.12 - Star Wars Part 4, 5 & 6
Aug.19 - Star Wars Part 1 & 2
Aug.26 - Easy Rider

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Military classified ads are placed in the Gulf Defender on a space available basis. Ads must be for a one-time sale of personal goods and should include a complete description, 25 words or less, of item being sold. Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 445 Suwannee Rd. Ste. 129 Tyndall AFB, FL 32403, or faxed to (850) 283-3225.

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Checkertail Market now open

CHRISSY CUTTITA
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

If you have an item to sell or buy you may find it in our new *Checkertail Market*, the section of the *Gulf Defender* where free classified ads will be placed.

Active-duty, guard, Reserve, retired military members and civil servants who work on base or at Naval Support Activity Panama City may submit ads to 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs using the form on page 16. Submissions can be faxed, mailed or dropped off at the office. No e-mails or phone calls will be accepted. Print must be legible so the publisher can effectively typeset the information.

Ads of commercial nature are not free. They must be placed in the classified ad section and payment must go to the Panama City News Herald. Examples are baby-sitting, lawn maintenance, house cleaning, product sales, apartments or houses or condos for rent, work opportunities or any other services in which the person makes a profit. Free ads

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Persons submitting ads must understand that all ads will be edited at the publisher’s discretion for space and text purposes and not all ads may run. Ads that do not meet guidelines will not run. All ads are on a space available basis, first come and first served.

Sellers need to list their name and personal phone number in all ads. Duty phone numbers should never be used.

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must be approved by the housing office.

Homes for sale can only be submitted by PCSing personnel who are selling “for sale by owner” and list the owner as the point of contact. There should be no mention of a real estate company or agent.

Deadline for submissions will be 2 p.m. Thursdays weekly and will be placed in the following week’s newspaper.

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